



The CEU Summer University announces the course

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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WITH DISTANCE LEARNING MODULE STARTING ON FEBRUARY 2

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BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course offers an analytical framework for understanding and implementing fiscal decentralization: improving assignment of functions and responsibilities and the fiscal relations between the central, regional, and local governments.

Fiscal decentralization is closely related to the "restructuring of the public economy" and involves rethinking the role of the state in different sectors, such as social policy, education, housing, communal services, etc. The process of restructuring took much more time than it was originally planned. Furthermore, the process involved little if no coordination at all among the sectors, and therefore has not taken into consideration the effect this may have on fiscal decentralization. In fact sectoral reform has often not organized itself along the lines of fiscal decentralization principles at all.

The course will start with eight distance learning modules introducing participants to the principles and legal framework of decentralisation, expenditure and revenue assignment and intergovernmental transfer.

The two-week workshop style course will include an advanced discussion and analysis through exercises and case studies from the region, in the following areas: 1) worldwide trends in fiscal decentralization and the concept and practice of the assignment of expenditure responsibilities and revenue authority; 2) the design of various forms of central to sub-national transfers and local own-source revenues; creditworthiness and the financial risks of local authorities; and 3) the emerging topic of budgeting and local public management.

Attuned to new teaching techniques, the workshop aims to achieve the right mix of exercises, lectures, and interactive learning methods. This includes the dissemination of materials prior to the course presentation electronically. The course will use distance learning techniques to teach the basics, and during the course the group will focus more on the case studies and exercises.

Please note that the application deadline for this course is January 15, 2009.

Accepted applicants will start the distance learning phase on February 2, 2009. The final decision on participation in the face-to-face part of the course in Budapest will be based on the results of the first three assignments of the distance learning phase of the course.



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For further academic information on the course and on eligibility criteria and funding options please visit the course web site at

<http://www.sun.ceu.hu/intergovernmental>

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